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(2) AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A hard candy comprising as a discrete flavoring component, ~~consisting~~ of a hydrophilic flavor encapsulated within a gelatin shell.
2. (Currently Amended) A candy according to claim 1 wherein the hydrophilic flavor is a liquid flavoring ~~portion of the candy has~~ having a boiling point sufficiently high that the liquid does not boil when contacted with hot candy to form an ~~the~~ outer hard candy portion.
3. (Currently Amended) A chewy candy ~~candy~~ comprising as a discrete flavoring component ~~consisting of~~ a hydrophilic flavor encapsulated within a gelatin shell.
4. (Currently Amended) A gummy or jelly candy comprising as a discrete flavoring component ~~consisting of~~ a hydrophilic flavor encapsulated within a gelatin shell.
5. (Currently Amended) A paste lozenge comprising as a discrete flavoring component ~~consisting~~ of a hydrophilic flavor encapsulated within a gelatin shell.
6. (Currently Amended) A tablet candy comprising as a discrete flavoring component ~~consisting~~ of a hydrophilic flavor encapsulated within a gelatin shell.
7. (Currently Amended) A licorice candy comprising as a discrete flavoring component ~~consisting of~~ a hydrophilic flavor encapsulated within a gelatin shell.
8. (Currently Amended) A pan coated candy comprising as a discrete flavoring component ~~consisting of~~ a hydrophilic flavor encapsulated within a gelatin shell.
9. (Withdrawn) A candy having a liquid component, comprising: a continuous outer candy

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portion, an internal liquid flavoring portion, and a natural polymer layer surrounding said liquid flavoring portion.

10. (Withdrawn) A candy according to claim 9 wherein the candy is selected from the group consisting of (1) hard candy, (2) chewy candy, (3) gummy or jelly candy, (4) paste lozenges, (5) tablet candy, (6) licorice, (7) pan coated candy.

11. (Withdrawn) A candy according to claim 9 wherein the natural polymer is cross-linked to a degree such that the natural polymer layer is effective to enable complete covering of the internal liquid flavoring portion of the candy without rupture of the polymer layer, but yet the polymer layer will permit clean mouth release of the internal liquid flavoring portion from the polymer.

12. (Withdrawn) A candy according to claim 9 wherein the liquid flavoring portion of the candy is of a flavor distinct from any flavor within the continuous outer candy portion.

13. (Withdrawn) A candy comprising a center filled liquid portion comprising a natural polymer shell surrounding an oil based flavorant.